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Terms & Lingo from Interview
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4200 level	location in mine pit
Arturo?	mine name / location
Barrick Goldstrike of North America	mining company
blade	type of mine heavy equipment [grader]
Carlin Trend	rich gold mining district
Cortez	mine name / location
D-10	type of mine heavy equipment
dozer	type of mine heavy equipment [bulldozer]
eighteen-wheeler	type of truck
first-hour tons	
flatbed	type of truck
floor	roadbed, staging area of pit
guard shack	building at entrance to mine property
haul truck	type of mine heavy equipment
hot change	method of changing work force without shutting down equipment
hot ore	ore rich in gold content
last-hour tons	
lineout	daily work instructions to employees?
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration
muster room	place where workers assemble
Newmont	mining company
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Pequops	mountain range in Nevada
Placer Dome	mine name / location
reefer	type of truck [refrigerated]
rubber tire dozer	type of mine heavy equipment
shovel	type of mine heavy equipment
snowbird	person who travels south in winter
SOS	Surveyors of Safety
switchback	sharp curve in mine pit road
“take you to the water shed...”	take employee to be drug tested
Tonka Toy	toy trucks and earth moving equipment
void	cavernous opening in the earth
waste	topsoil dirt and rock not containing ore